

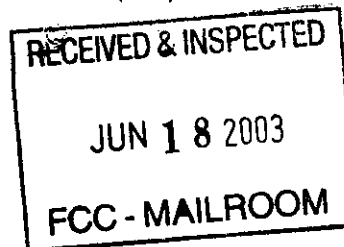
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June 13, 2003



FCC
Office of the Secretary
445-12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Billed Entity Number: 123757
471 Application Number: 190150
Funding Request Numbers(s): 418198, 418289, 418382, and 418512
CC Docket: Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Dear Sir:

Edwin Gould Academy (EGA) is submitting an appeal to the Administrator's Decision for Funding Year 2000-2001. Since our initial appeal, we are now receiving a different explanation for our denial of funding. We submitted the initial appeal to the Schools and Libraries Corporation on October 30, 2000, regarding the decision of our Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 3: 7/1/2000-6/30/2001. The SLD stated the denial of funding was because of a 28 day waiting period violation. The explanation was that EGA signed a new service contract prior to the required 28 day waiting period computed from the date of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

Edwin Gould Academy created Purchase Orders on March 16, 2000 for Dell Marketing, LP which was covered under the Master Contract of New York State that was awarded on June 2, 1999. Now the Administrator's Decision states we are being denied because we did not enter into a legally binding agreement before the submittal of our Form 471, which does not correspond with the denial explanation from the SLD.

We would like to request that the Federal Communications Commission review our appeal for funding for Funding Year 3: 7/1/2000-6/30/2001 for the following Funding Request Numbers: 418198, 418289, 418382, and 418512.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (845) 573-5010, mdowling@mail.edwingouldacademy.org or fax me at (845) 578-5755.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Dowling
Assistant Superintendent for Administration

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 190150

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Funding Request Number: 416379 Funding Status: Funded
 SPIN: 143001192 Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp.
 Contract Number: PS00371
 Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
 Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
 Contract Expiration Date: 09/30/2000
 Site Identifier: 36 16650 01480
 Billing Account Number: N/A
 Pre-Discount Amount: \$1,357.50
 Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 90%
 Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,221.75 - FRN approved; modified by SLD
 Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The estimated monthly charge was changed to reflect the documentation provided by the applicant.

Funding Request Number: 416603 Funding Status: Funded
 SPIN: 143004632 Service Provider Name: Metrocon Communications, Inc.
 Contract Number: ny2k50
 Services Ordered: Internet Access
 Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
 Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2001
 Site Identifier: 36 16650 01480
 Billing Account Number: N/A
 Pre-Discount Amount: \$6,240.00
 Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 90%
 Funding Commitment Decision: \$5,616.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 417970 Funding Status: Not Funded
 SPIN: 143999999 Service Provider Name: State Replacement Contract
 Contract Number: SCRPT00232
 Services Ordered: Internal Connections
 Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
 Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2001
 Site Identifier: 36 16650 01480
 Billing Account Number: MF112-00
 Pre-Discount Amount: \$4,506.00
 Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
 Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Incl. svcs./ or product(s)
 Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: 30% or more of this FRN includes a request for NIC cards only allowed in Servers which is an ineligible product(s)/service(s) based on program rules.

Funding Request Number: 418198 Funding Status: Not Funded
 SPIN: 143004340 Service Provider Name: Dell Marketing LP
 Contract Number: PT55666
 Services Ordered: Internal Connections
 Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
 Contract Expiration Date: 11/21/2002
 Site Identifier: 36 16650 01480
 Billing Account Number: 1147237
 Pre-Discount Amount: \$13,133.90
 Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
 Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
 Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: A contract for a new service was signed prior to the required 28-day waiting period computed from the date of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 190150

Funding Request Number: 418289 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143004340 Service Provider Name: Dell Marketing LP
Contract Number: PT55666
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 11/21/2002
Site Identifier: 36 16650 01480
Billing Account Number: 1147237
Pre-Discount Amount: \$12,789.34
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: ✓\$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: A contract for a new service was signed prior to the required 28-day waiting period computed from the date of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

Funding Request Number: 418382 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143004340 Service Provider Name: Dell Marketing LP
Contract Number: PT55666
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 11/21/2002
Site Identifier: 36 16650 01480
Billing Account Number: 1147237
Pre-Discount Amount: \$25,946.84
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: ✓\$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: A contract for a new service was signed prior to the required 28-day waiting period computed from the date of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

Funding Request Number: 418512 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143004340 Service Provider Name: Dell Marketing LP
Contract Number: PT55666
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 11/21/2002
Site Identifier: 36 16650 01480
Billing Account Number: 1147237
Pre-Discount Amount: \$28,963.37
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: ✓\$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: A contract for a new service was signed prior to the required 28-day waiting period computed from the date of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2000-2001

April 14, 2003

Mary Ann Dowling
Edwin Gould Academy- Ramapo U.F.S.D.
675 Chestnut Ridge Road
Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977

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Re: Billed Entity Number: 123757
471 Application Number: 190150
Funding Request Number(s): 418198, 418289, 418382, and 418512
Your Correspondence Dated: October 30th, 2000

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year 2000 Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: 418198, 418289, 418382, and 418512
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**
Explanation:

- Your appeal states that the services are covered under a state master contract that was awarded on June 2nd, 1999. You would like the SLD to reconsider their decision to deny funding for these requests.
- During the review of your appeal you indicated that the school entered into a legally binding agreement with the vendor on March 16th, 2000. You submitted your Form 471 on January 19th, 2000. Program rules require that you enter into legally binding agreements with the selected vendors, before the submittal of your Form 471. Since at the time of submittal of your Form 471 you did not have a legally binding agreement with the vendor selected for these requests, you are in violation of program rules. Consequently, your appeal is denied in full.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) via United States Postal Service: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445-12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. If you are submitting your appeal to the FCC by other than United States Postal Service, check the SLD web site for more information. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. **The FCC must RECEIVE your appeal WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.** Further information and new options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site, www.sl.universalservice.org.

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company